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DD/S STAFF MEETING

26 November 1968 - 1030 Hours

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Meeting Minutes

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2. Presentation of Retirement Letter

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Mr. Bannerman made a few appropriate remarks and then read his letter [Redacted] upon the occasion of the latter's retirement from the Agency.

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3. Briefing [Redacted]

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4. Security Violations

Mr. Bannerman noted that the Support Directorate had five security violations during the month of October as contrasted with seven for the same

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month last year. Three occurred in the Office of Communications, one on the DD/S Staff and one in the Office of Training.

5. Communication and Briefing Center for President-Elect

Mr. Bannerman commented on the requirement which arose to provide a briefing and communications center at Mr. Nixon's New York headquarters and the fast reaction by the Offices of Logistics, Communications, and Security which resulted in this being set up in a matter of days. He commended those involved for an excellent job and said that Nixon people as well as other Agency officials had been very favorably impressed.

6. Trip by Dr. Tietjen:

Mr. Bannerman said that Dr. Tietjen had been quite pleased from a medical standpoint with what he saw on his around-the-world trip. He had taken time at each station to explore with senior officials their reactions to the Support group. He had found these reactions to be very complimentary of Support personnel and their effort and willingness to get the job done in the best possible manner.

7. SIPS Task Force

Colonel White has approved the agreement between the Deputy Directors of Support and S&T with respect to the SIPS Task Force. This effort will now proceed with Mr. Coffey as the senior officer. Computer requirements from Support Offices must be reviewed by Messrs. [] and Coffey; this is particularly true for new programs or major revisions of on-going programs. The physical relocation of the SIPS personnel will be made as soon as possible, but there is no established time table. Mr. Bannerman has discussed this move with [] He reiterated that there will be no transfer of slots, people or money.

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8. Around the Table

a. Mr. Wattles:

The rise in the cost of living did not hit the 3 per cent rise level for September but may do so in October. If it reaches 3 per cent or higher in October and remains there through December, a cost-of-living

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increase will be due annuitants on the retirement rolls as of the end of February 1969. In the discussion which ensued, Mr. Bannerman noted comments of Nixon staff people indicating that the President-elect is sympathetic to a rise in Congressional and Executive salaries.

b. []

Mr. Osborn is in New York.

The only comments coming to the attention of the Office of Security with respect to the new West Parking entrance have so far been favorable.

c. Mr. Richardson:

DD/S&T is apparently putting the grid into practical application. Due to on-going problems with a New England contractor, OSA has invited an eight-man team from the company to meet two days (13 and 14 December) with a corresponding OSA team [] S&T has asked for Mal [] assistance and mediation.

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The Committee on Training has recommended to the SIG that the NIS be reduced from four to three weeks, that NSAM 283 (Counter-insurgency) be redrafted, and that a new curriculum be adopted for the NIS.

The JCS/DIA two-day session went very well. Mr. Bannerman commented that he thought that frankness with this particular group paid off.

d. Mr. Meloon:

Noted that [] was a professional packaging engineer who has been employed by Logistics after a two-year effort to find a man qualified in this field. The subject of recruiting resulted in Mr. Wattles suggesting that those present might be interested in a Wall Street Journal article of 25 November discussing recruiting of MBA's.

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PPB is expecting the 1969 budget package from BoB momentarily.
The Office of PPB is still at work putting together the Agency 1970 budget.

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The recent crash of C-46 in Laos resulted in 25 dead, 5 of whom were U.S. personnel. No Agency people were involved. The aircraft was on route from Pakse to Vientiane.

9. The meeting adjourned at 1115 hours.

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